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In re Application of :
HORNUNG et al.. :
PCT No.: PCT/EP00/08518 :
Int. Filing Date: 31 August 2000 : DECISION
Priority Date: 01 September 1999 :
Attorney's Docket No.: 514453-3916 :
For: FIVE MEMBERED-RING COMPOUNDS AND :
UTILIZATION THEREOF IN LIQUID CRYSTAL :
MIXTURES :

The above-captioned application is before the Office of PCT Legal Administration for consideration of issues arising under 35 U.S.C. 371.

On 15 May 2002, the United States Designated Office (DO/EO/US) mailed a Notification Missing Requirements under 35 CFR 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) indicating that a signed oath/declaration of the inventors in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) together with a surcharge payment were required. The notification set a two-month time limit in which to respond.

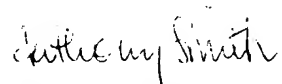
On 15 October 2002, applicants filed a declaration and power of attorney and a petition fee for a three-month extension of time.

On 06 February 2003, the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) mailed a NOTIFICATION OF ABANDONMENT (Form PCT/DO/EO/909) indicating that the application was abandoned for failure to file a complete response to the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed 15 May 2002 within the time period set therein.

In view of the receipt of the declaration and power of attorney filed 15 October 2002, which was a timely response to the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed 15 May 2002, the Notification of Abandonment mailed 06 February 2003 was in error and is hereby VACATED.

A review of the application papers reveals that applicants completed all the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371 for entry into the national stage. This application will be given an international application filing date of 31 August 2000 and a date of **15 October 2002** under 35 U.S.C. 371.

The application is being returned to the United States Designated/Elected Office for further processing in accordance with this decision.



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